

APPENDIX I**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2000 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Carmichael, Ann Hay, Brian Reeves, Julie Faulds, John Weir, David Macrae, Harry Wilson, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: John F Crawford, Head of Protective Services; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Alison J Smith, Principal Officer, Licensing and Community Safety; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Katie Hall.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Carmichael, Chair.

REVIEW OF TAXI FARES

1. There was submitted a report dated 15 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Sub-Committee to fix scales for taxi fares and associated charges, taking into account requests by representatives of the taxi trade.
It was agreed not to approve the proposals as detailed in the report and that the Director of Community Services submit alternative proposals for scales for taxi fares, for consideration at a future meeting following consultation with the taxi trade.

REVIEW OF TAXI RANKS

2. There was submitted a report dated 9 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services which invited the Sub-Committee to consider the suitability of the locations and available spaces in respect of taxi ranks throughout East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to appoint taxi ranks as detailed in the Director's report;
- (ii) that the Director of Community Services complete the statutory procedures in this connection;
- (iii) to note Members' concerns regarding difficulties in enforcing orderly ranking at the taxi rank at Foregate Square, Kilmarnock, and issues arising from the misuse of disabled parking at the Square, Cumnock; and
- (iv) that the Director of Community Services in consultation with Strathclyde Police and the Council's Roads Division pursue the enforcement of orderly ranking with particular reference to the above-mentioned matters.

CONSIDERATION OF SUSPENSION OF DRIVERS' LICENCES

3. There were submitted the undernoted individual reports, each dated 21 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services in relation to the relevant

Licensees' failure, in breach of condition 19 of their respective licences, to attend disability awareness training.

- 3.1 TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE NO EA/TD 401 - IAN CAIRNS**
- 3.2 PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO EA.PHCD 50 - ROBERT GIBSON**
- 3.3 TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE NO EA/TD 15 - THOMAS MCCAMON**
- 3.4 PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE NO EA/PHCD 48 - JAMES ANDERSON**
- 3.5 TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE NO EA/TD 68 - RICHARD MCAUGHTRIE**
- 3.6 TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE NO EA/TD 396 - JAMES MARSHALL**
- 3.7 TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE NO EA/TD 60 - FRANCES NEILL**
- 3.8 TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE NO EA/TD 33 - ANDREW HOUSTON**

It was agreed, in respect of each of the above cases, to continue consideration of the matter at a future meeting which would take the form of a Hearing, to which each of the licencees concerned would be invited to be present or to be represented and to speak to the matters raised.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

- 4.** It was resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS

- 5.1 APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF A PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVER'S LICENCE: STEPHEN IRELAND, 32 MEIKLEHOLM DRIVE, PATNA**

There was submitted a report dated 9 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Community Services on an application for the grant of a Private Hire Car Driver's Licence.

There was also submitted a letter of representation dated 2 February 2000 from Strathclyde Police and a letter, undated, received on 29 February 2000, from the applicant in support of his application (both circulated).

The Sub-Committee took and considered legal advice on the matter.

The Press and public were then re-admitted.

The Meeting terminated at 1035 hours.